

S-360  
St. James Church Hall  
Oriole vicinity  
private

c. 1880-1900

The St. James Church Hall helps define this important rural intersection along with the late nineteenth-century church and graveyard. The church hall is a two-story, gable front rectangular structure supported by brick piers and covered by narrow weatherboards. The first floor room is finished with beaded board wainscoting and plaster walls. An enclosed stair is fixed against the north wall behind the meeting room.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-360

Magi No. 2003605610

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common St. James Church Hall

## 2. Location

street & number North side of MD 627, Oriole Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Oriole ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of St. James M.E. Church

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town Oriole state and zip code Maryland

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Circuit Court liber

street &amp; number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### St. James Church Hall description

The St. James Church Hall stands on the north side of Oriole Road (MD627) at the intersection of Champ Road near Oriole, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame building faces south with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the last quarter of the nineteenth century, this two-story, two-bay church hall is supported by a brick pier foundation and is sheathed with a uniform layer of weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable front roof is covered by a layer of asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is a balanced two-bay facade with a double door entrance flanked by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. The second floor is lighted by identical two-over-two sash, and the east window retains a shingle louvered shutter. The eaves of the roof extend beyond the front wall surface and short returns finish the base of the roof.

The east and west sides of the building are marked by a pair of two-over-two sash windows that light each floor. A rear entrance is located in the northeast corner of the structure which provides access to the enclosed stair. An interior end brick stove stack protrudes through the roof.

The first floor interior is finished with beaded board wainscoting and plaster walls.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### SIGNIFICANCE

The St. James Church Hall helps define this important rural intersection along with the late nineteenth-century church and graveyard. Since both the church and the hall have been abandoned, each structure is beginning to seriously deteriorate. The church hall appears to date from the 1880s or 1890s during the same period the church was erected.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name MonieQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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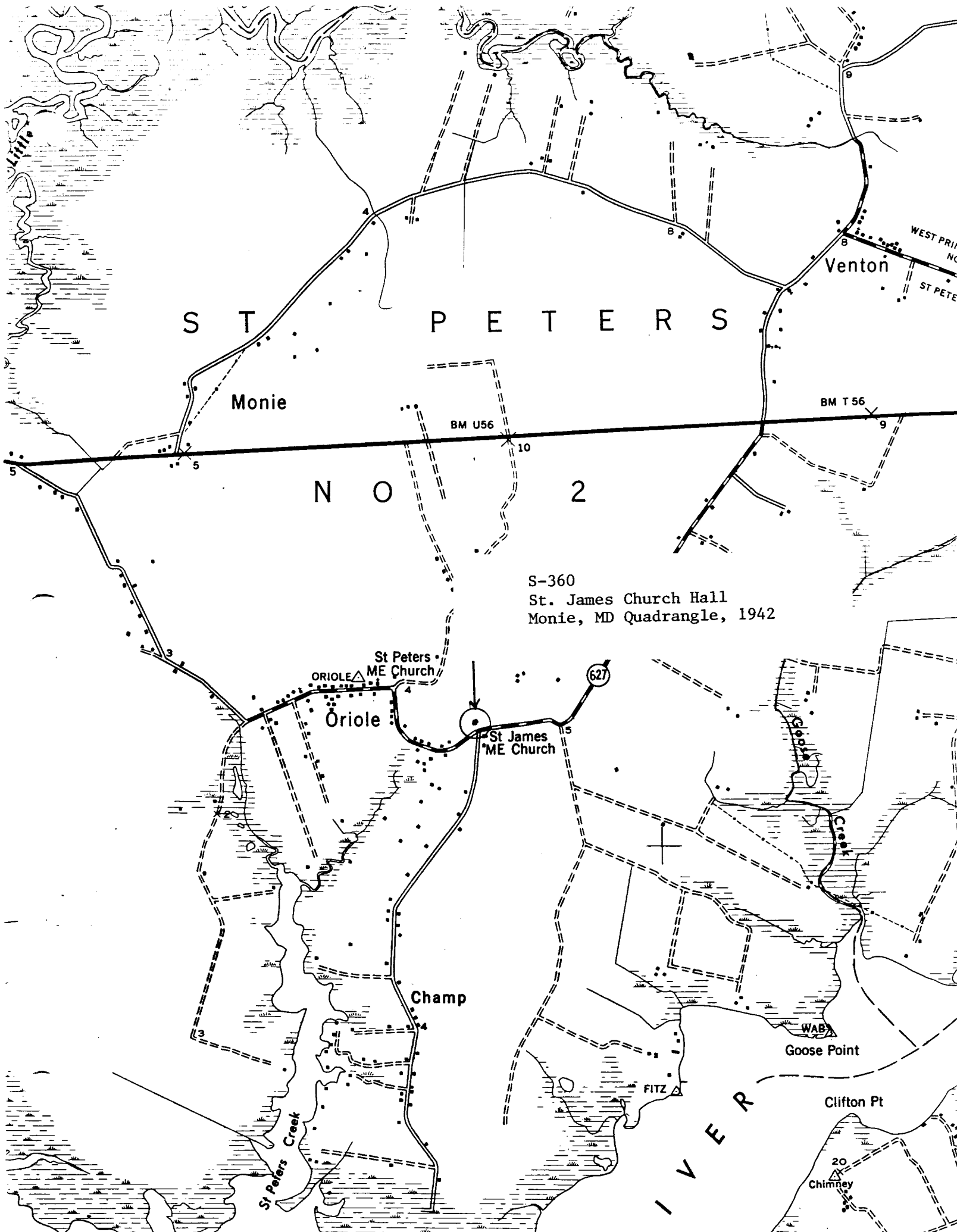
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